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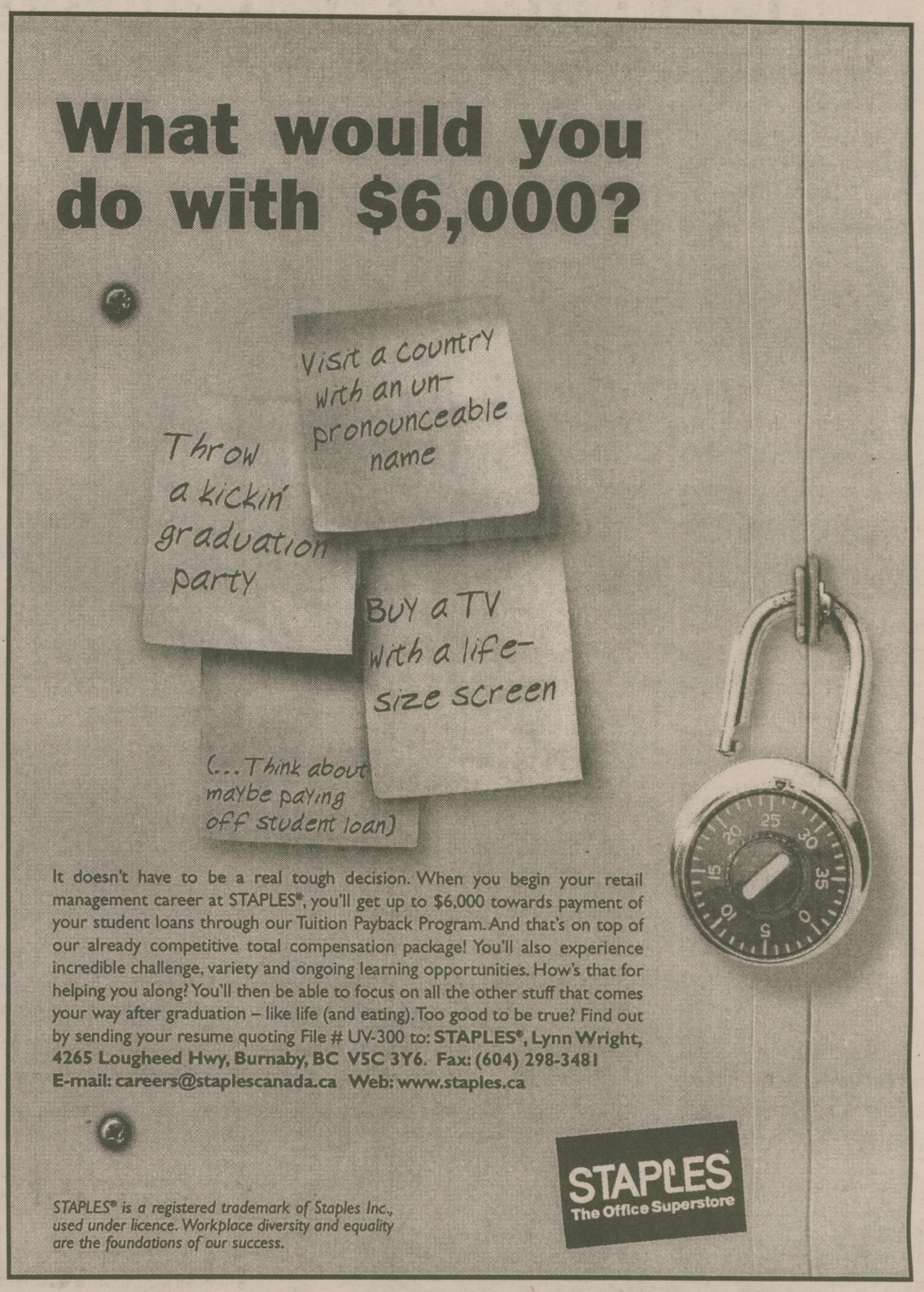
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B.C. tuition freeze gets mixed reaction

By Mason Wright and Gillian Jerome

Some university administrators in British Columbia are not celebrating just yet, despite receiving a promise from the provincial government for more funding.

On March 14, Graeme Bowbrick, B.C.'s newly-appointed advanced education minister, said the upcoming March 27 provincial budget will include more money for post-secondary education and will maintain the province-wide tuition fee freeze for another year.

Bowbrick also recognized the importance of jobs in the trade sector and the education needed to obtain them.

But despite the minister's assurances — delivered in a speech at Douglas College, located just outside Vancouver — the head of The University Presidents' Council of B.C. says his members are going to wait for the budget before celebrating.

"There's been an indication that we can expect some kind of lift for universities in the budget, and as a result we would like to be encouraged," said Don Avison. "We'll wait until the 27th of March to see just exactly what that means."

In other provinces, tuition fees have soared during the past decade, mainly the result of attempts by universities to offset reductions in federal transfer payments to the provinces.

Government money accounted for 56 per cent of total revenue for B.C. universities last year. In Quebec, where tuition is slightly lower than B.C., it accounted for 70 per cent, the highest amount in Canada. Government funding was lowest in Nova Scotia and Ontario where students pay an average of $4,113 and $3,872 respectively.

Here at UVic, larger class sizes, fewer library holdings, canceled programs and retiring staff who aren't replaced are all problems related to the tuition freeze, said university president David Strong in an interview in September.

Despite this, UVic Students' Society chair Morgan Stewart says the decision to freeze tuition is absolutely essential. Although he's calling for a reduction in tuition fees, he admits that's not likely to happen.

Stewart says the university is guilty of spending money on administrators, such as the hiring of a third vice-president here at UVic, while fewer dollars go to classrooms.

"The university administrators' wages are totally out of line," says Stewart. "They're using public money to lobby for their own salaries."

UVic's vice-president of academics, Penelope Codding, says the province is shortchanging its top three universities by $54 million, or $440 per full-time student, in relation to what Canada's top 16 universities take in from tuition and government funds. At UVic, the funding gap works out to $5 million.

"I can assure you we're not paying the university administrators a $5 million-dollar shortfall," said Codding. "We have a much smaller administration than most universities."

UVic needs that $5 million to provide students with a quality of education that measures up to Canada's top universities, said Codding.

"The government can choose to pull tuition, but then we need revenue not tied to tuition to fill that gap. They're responsible to both students and taxpayers."

Maureen Shaw, president of the College Institute Educators' Association, was more optimistic about the anticipated funding.

"We're hoping that it will provide the adequate funding that we've argued is necessary to cover the costs of inflation, to cover the costs of infrastructure replacement [and] educational technology, and cover the costs of the collective agreements that both have signed."

Yet Avison, who heads up the council of presidents for B.C.'s four major universities, was less enthused about the freeze.

"We accept that, but the issue in British Columbia is if you're going to do that, are you going to adequately compensate the universities for the revenue that is otherwise not available?"

Anti-racism rally attracts a handful of demonstrators at the legislature Mar. 21. Martlet photo by Carmel Ecker

Futurists look to alternate energies

By Steve Canning

A professor from the University of Washington predicts fossil fuel consumption will contribute to the melting of polar ice caps in the next century, causing the world's sea level to rise by 50 mm and put low lying areas like Florida underwater.

Richard Gamon geared up the discussion on the state of the earth's atmosphere at the recent international Climates of Change Congress. Experts on global climate change from around the world spoke both at UVic and at the Victoria Convention Centre from March 20 to 23.

The conference featured experts in alternative energy sources and environmental economics, as well as scientists describing problems such as raising global temperatures and melting ice caps caused by the greenhouse effect.

Gamon projects that the world will run out of fossil fuels in the next few hundred years.

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on the spot

By Darian Kovacs

What is your favourite springtime activity?

danielle oakes
4th year microbiology/ biochemistry

"I love shopping for everything, and anything. It's time to get a new spring wardrobe."

joan papert
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"Going for walks in the amazing creation around us. The air smells so nice."

kristi storey
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"Being outside, working in the garden."

taylor saunders
3rd year psychology

"I enjoy weaving baskets, especially in preparation for Easter."

Correction:

The Martlet apologizes for not attributing parts of last week's story on the Tibet rally to Marcus Kirk.

The student election results reported in last week's issue were unofficial. Official results will be posted soon.

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Report highlights growing poverty in region

BY GILLIAN JEROME

All sorts of people with influence may wake up to the realities of Victoria's poor if a recent report on poverty has any clout.

But what they'll actually do about it is another story.

Released last month, the Capital Urban Poverty Project has made headlines city-wide for describing Victoria's lack of affordable housing and the increasing division between rich and poor.

The process began in September 1997 with the combined effort of grassroots groups, local governments, the regional health board, social agencies, a consulting firm and several UVic faculties.

Using 1996 Census data, the report defines poverty by what the average citizen spends on food, shelter and clothing – about 35 per cent of gross income. So if you spend more than half your income on the basics, you're considered poor.

The low income cut-off for a single person in this region is $14,473. Fifteen per cent of people living in the region live on incomes below the cut-off.

Considering the average student loan falls below this, most students live below the poverty line, although they may not feel poor.

"There's a lot of info behind the numbers we don't know about," said regional planner Jane Seright. "I know there are students living in their vehicles who can't afford housing, but the report doesn't necessarily take them into account."

UVic researcher Christal Engleder says the report accounts for the first ever census data on unpaid labour in the world.

"We were trying to make visible the work people in poverty do. As students we work our tails off, for example, but that's not recognized as labour."

Engleder says census reports usually ignore the enormous amount of unpaid child care labour done by women, especially single mothers.

The main accomplishment of the report is it will help increase awareness, says youth advocate David Hay, who has been involved in scrutinizing social policy and research for 20 years.

"It has a lot of leverage for citizens' groups. Now you can take it to the city and say 'look, this policy doesn't fit with the recognition.'"

Authors of the report say they hope it will affect policy-making in the city – the report will be available to the region's 13 municipalities. However, that wasn't part of their mandate, said Seright.

Frank Leonard, mayor of Saanich, calls the report "a top drawer item" in his council's policy-making. "It certainly won't collect dust around here," he said.

According to the report, the city's poor are hit hard by the housing market. A minimum household income of $56, 612 was required in 1997 to purchase a Victoria starter home priced at $213,000.

Leonard says these stats are his council's number one concern.

"It drives up the cost of living for anyone, not to mention the working poor or the studying poor," he says.

The municipality will use the report to call for smaller lots to build more affordable housing and protect rural and farm lands from urban sprawl, says Leonard.

But what do the report's findings mean for communities in central Victoria?

Places like the Fernwood Community Centre, although not geared toward the poor, see people living in poverty walk through their doors all the time.

Co-ordinator Ian Fawcett says the centre isn't about political advocacy for the poor, but hands-on delivery of services to meet people's needs. The centre offers help in the form of free bread, a community kitchen, a clothing exchange and parenting support for the locals.

"We deal with the impact and implication of policy decisions. There's a crying need in this community for the low-income and the unemployed."

The biggest concern arising from the report is not the poverty statistics, said Hay, but the impact of growing inequality in the region.

"Rising inequality is more consequential. There's the potential for more social dislocation...We're being told we're experiencing this explosive economy, but it's benefiting fewer and fewer people."

Despite the alarming trends, Hay says he's hopeful.

"You can be cynical and depressed about it and going around thumbing the status quo. But unless you keep contributing, there's nowhere to go. At the end of the day, the increment may be slow in terms of numbers, but there's more awareness and that's where the change comes."

Statistics from the report:

- From 1991 to 1996, poverty rates increased by 28 per cent for people under 65-years-old. However, poverty rates in the region are lower than those in B.C. or Canada for all age groups except for youth.
- Thirty nine per cent of all poor women reported 30 hours or more of unpaid child care work, compared to 12 per cent of poor men and 17 per cent of non-poor women
- Men below the age of 35 and over 65 were less likely than women of the same age to be poor. Among those over age 75, four times as many women are poor compared to men.
- Less than 40 per cent of single parent families reported incomes over $40,000. Twelve per cent of households in the region reported a gross income of $90,000 in 1995, double the rate of the six per cent who reported incomes of less than $10,000.
- Seventy two per cent of low income individuals pay rent in the region, these rates are higher than those for similar groups in B.C. or Canada.
- Children in families with incomes below $20,000 are twice as likely to encounter substandard housing, unsafe neighbourhoods, frequent school changes, parental problems and no computer at home, compared to children living in families with incomes $80,000 or more.

Club wants policy changed, UVSS apologizes to protester

BY PATTI EDGAR

At last weeks' meeting, the UVic Students Society (UVSS) skated around two controversies their critics are characterizing as free speech issues.

The board turned down a motion tabled at a meeting last month reinstating the anti-abortion group Youth Protecting Youth's club status.

Director of academics Kari Worton said she was no longer voting for the motion because she moved it based on a misunderstanding about the group's intentions.

The motion read that Youth Protecting Youth should have its club status reinstated because they were willing to abide by Students' Society policies. However, the anti-abortion group didn't support the motion and prefers to have the UVSS's clubs policy rewritten, said Youth Protecting Youth member Peter Nishimura.

"We're still a pro-life club and the UVSS is still pro-choice so obviously that doesn't fit."

At the next organizational development meeting on March 29, committee members will be looking at changes to clubs policy drafted by director Chris Moon.

Although he wouldn't discuss the details of the drafted policy changes, Moon said the recommendations are based on suggestions the B.C. Civil Liberties Association (BCCLA) made in a March 16 letter to the board of directors.

After reviewing the UVSS's constitution, bylaws, policy manual and clubs' policy, the BCCLA's Murray Mollard, wrote "given the logic of UVSS policies, no group that wishes to advocate a position that is contrary to a position taken by the UVSS on a substantive matter, whether that be abortion, tuition fees or world trade, will be able to gain club status."

Mollard suggests the UVSS change its policies to ensure that clubs could take a different stance than the UVSS on "substantive issues," but would still have to comply with all other UVSS rules.

However, Moon says the policies aren't retroactive and may not apply to Youth Protecting Youth.

At the March 20 meeting, the board also voted to send a note to the lawyers of Lorenzo Bouchard, apologizing for a letter signed by chair Morgan Stewart and Native Students Union representative Amanda Bedard.

The letter, which accuses Bouchard of harassing students and distributing hate literature, was sent to both Bouchard and the *Victoria News*. Stewart said Bouchard's lawyer asked the UVSS to either apologize or face a lawsuit.

"It was a mistake to provide the information to the *Victoria News*."

Bouchard was banned from the Student Union Building in November until he stops distributing material and advocating viewpoints the board considers racist and anti-aboriginal.

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Talk dispels violence myths

BY CARMEL ECKER
AND TASHA MARSDEN

Are people who molest and violate children the "lowest form of humans in society"?

UVic psychology professor Dr. Janet Bavelas questions that popular belief.

That was just one of the stereotypes debunked by local experts during a series of workshops held on campus on March 18.

Even the name given to the topic of the day – sexualized violence – changes the way people look at what is usually called sexual abuse. It implies the violent nature of the crime, and avoids misrepresenting it as a consensual sexual activity, said Bavelas.

During her talk, Bavelas, a member of the campus Language and Sexual Assault Group, explained how the group researched offenders' sentencing patterns and terms used in the courts to describe sexualized violence on children.

They found that there was significantly lighter sentencing when there was a breach of trust, such as abuse by teachers, coaches or priests. And as late as 1973, sexualized violence within families was considered a "family matter."

"I've never seen the perpetrator of long term sexual assault serve the same sentence the victim did [while being abused]," said Bavelas.

She said identifying this form of violence as predatory and enforcing the laws surrounding breach of trust is the solution to light sentencing.

Bavelas also addressed the problems with society eroticizing descriptions of child abuse, rather than using terms which indicate both the violence and lack of consent behind the act. She called pedophilia – the medical condition of being attracted to children – a myth, saying that the sexualized abuse of children should be regarded as an issue of control. In turn, appropriate language should be used to reflect the child's experience.

Male Survivors

The sexualized assault of men is seldom talked about, and when it is, many false assumptions are made about survivors. One provincial organization is trying to change this.

The B.C. Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse is the only program in the west devoted to providing support and information for male survivors. According to Don Wright, a therapist and founder of the organization, the support in the past has been either non-existent or carried under the rubric of other programs such as Alcoholics Anonymous.

"Men providing nurturance for men breaks the stereotype of them being tough and in control," said Wright.

Stereotyping also plays a role in the reporting of the crimes committed. Males can be afraid of reporting violence done by men for fear of appearing homosexual.

Wright added that males are taught to accept female advances, rather than protest suggestive behaviours.

He said B.C. is leading the way on supporting male survivors, and Canada is a world leader in providing support for both males and females.

Colonization and Violence

In her workshop on Aboriginal women and sexualized violence, Debra Bell, a Kwatkuit'l native, shared her experiences as a social worker and member of the Women of Our People Sexual Assault Centre.

Often transition houses aren't able to make women from all different walks of life feel like they belong in a safe environment, said Bell.

Aboriginal women won't go to mainstream help centres because they don't fit in. But a lack of federal funding for strong Aboriginal groups means there are no alternatives, said Bell.

Women of Our People recently lost its government funding because it hadn't had an annual general meeting in two years. Bell encouraged everyone to write letters to the government in support of Women of Our People to help restore funding and give aboriginal women who are victims of violence a place to go.

Global Trafficking

In the movie *Bought and Sold*, screened during the workshops, east European and Russian women talk about being deceived by men who promised them a new life in another country like Canada or the United States.

After indebting themselves to get out of countries suffering from severe poverty, these women found themselves involuntarily working in the international sex trade and threatened with violence or exposure to immigration authorities if they want to leave.

The problem, said workshop host Annalee Golz, is "their voices are rarely listened to."

Golz, president of the Global Alliance Against Traffic In Women, defined trafficking in women as using threats, violence or deception to transport a woman for work or services.

It's one of the most hidden forms of violence against women that isn't recognized internationally as a human rights violation, said Golz.

Canada, as a receiving country of trafficked women, must look at its own role in the international traffic in women instead of pointing the finger at the countries trafficked women are coming from, she said.

Conference searches for climate solutions

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By that time, carbon dioxide will be at eight times its natural level and the climate will never return to present levels, he said. The current average global temperature has increased by 1.5 degrees Fahrenheit in the past 150 years, a product of global warming.

Billed as a conference "mapping the transition to a sustainable energy future," it was organized by Victoria's Skies Above Foundation, a charitable organization with a focus on educating the public about environmental issues.

"Climate change is arguably the greatest threat to the world in the 21st century," said Alex Boston of the David Suzuki Foundation.

Boston said the conference did innovative outreach work, focusing on youth participation.

Conference organizer Marke Hambley sees this conference as one way for youth to have a major impact in saving the planet.

"I think that the eminent scientists of the world have difficulty making governments change policies, but the youth are the ones who will inherit the responsibility for saving the planet."

Daniel Kinderman, UVic student and local light-rail transit advocate, said about 10 UVic students were members of the conference.

"The purpose is really to empower them to springboard from this towards enacting change after the conference."

Guy Dauncey, author and sustainable living expert, sees wind, solar, and geothermal powers as potential solutions to the problem. He claims these energy sources are becoming cheaper and more viable. "We do have the technology to make the changes, but unless we work together it will not happen."

A key aim of the conference was to change how people think about the environment. Canadian native singer Anne Mortifee spoke of the "awakening of the tribe" and the importance of protecting the atmosphere, while artist Robert Bateman pointed to a change in philosophy.

Author and futurist Hazel Henderson said economic reform such as a green tax encourages socially responsible investment.

"The old economy is the fossil fuel age that is dying. The new economy is where we are going, the 'dot com' companies and the small businesses."

Environmentalists share ideas at climate conference.
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Bigots bite

The world is a pretty fucked-up place.

Fortunately, North Americans do not have to deal with landmines blowing up our family members, AIDS epidemics leaving millions of children without parents or constant fighting between our governments and guerrilla or terrorist groups.

However, we do still have a hell of a lot of social injustice. Everyone knows it exists, and most of us have felt it.

Bottom line: prejudice, ignorance and inequality are completely ridiculous and we would all function better as a society if we could just get past the fear of the different. That's what it comes down to. So-called homogenous groups of people have a tendency to alienate other individuals who do not fit into their notion of "normal." And to what end? People suffer. Others gain a childish notion of superiority and dominance.

Anyone subscribing to these notions take note: superiority is entirely unfounded, biased, subjective, etc. Dominance, on the other hand, continues to exist.

You would think/hope a university community would be more enlightened at least. Opportunities to explore one's own ignorance should be part of the university process. Apparently this exploration is not happening enough and obviously we have a problem on campus.

Both Coming Out Day and the Lesbians and Allies Walk were intended to create greater visibility of a minority group on campus. They were not designed to create tension or divisions between homosexuals and heterosexuals on campus, but instead to promote awareness around the prevalence of homophobia, heterosexism, sexism and racism.

Now we have some evil and reactionary people staging a Heterosexual March on April 4 and a White March on the same day. If this is just a reaction to who-knows-what (Coming Out Day, Lesbian and Allies Walk, UN Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination, queers in general) and if the poster was a joke, the irony has been absolutely lost on us. The first question, perhaps, is why the fuck (or should that be what the fuck?) do white, heterosexual people need to march? According to one poster, if you are a repressed heterosexual you are welcome to the march. Repressed? We don't think so. Take a minute to think about state and society-sanctioned marriages. The heterosexual march is a *straight-out*, unwarranted insult to a large portion of the university population. These marches pose a threat to the safety of individuals on campus. This is not just insulting a particular group, it is alienating, oppressing and threatening to members of our campus community. How many people have to suffer from senseless prejudice before we learn from our stupidity?

Ignorance and bigotry are not restricted to UVic or even university campuses. Look at what has been happening with the B.C. Teachers' Federation and their support of gay/straight alliances in high schools. The arguments against the gay/straight alliances are riddled with homophobic thinking. For example, one argument made by a Duncan woman on CBC radio was that such clubs open the possibility that bestiality and pedophilia might become accepted sexual preferences warranting their own clubs. Others argued the clubs were promoting indecent sexual behaviour. Even promoting sex before marriage.

These views are inherently homophobic and heterosexist. Homosexuality is not a form of deviant behaviour. It is a sexual orientation that involves autonomous individuals who have agreed to intimacy – bestiality and pedophilia are non-consensual. Gay/straight alliance groups are about sexuality, not sex. Providing support for queers promotes sex no more than any elementary or junior high health class.

Here is a fact: there are many queer students in high school. Many (possibly most) feel persecuted and misunderstood for their sexuality and have been marginalized, trivialized, vilified, or all of the above. These students would benefit greatly from the support and knowledge that they are not alone and there are people who can be there for them and can understand and welcome them without judging, slighting, oppressing, ignoring or threatening them.

Education and awareness are the only way to end social injustice and hatred.

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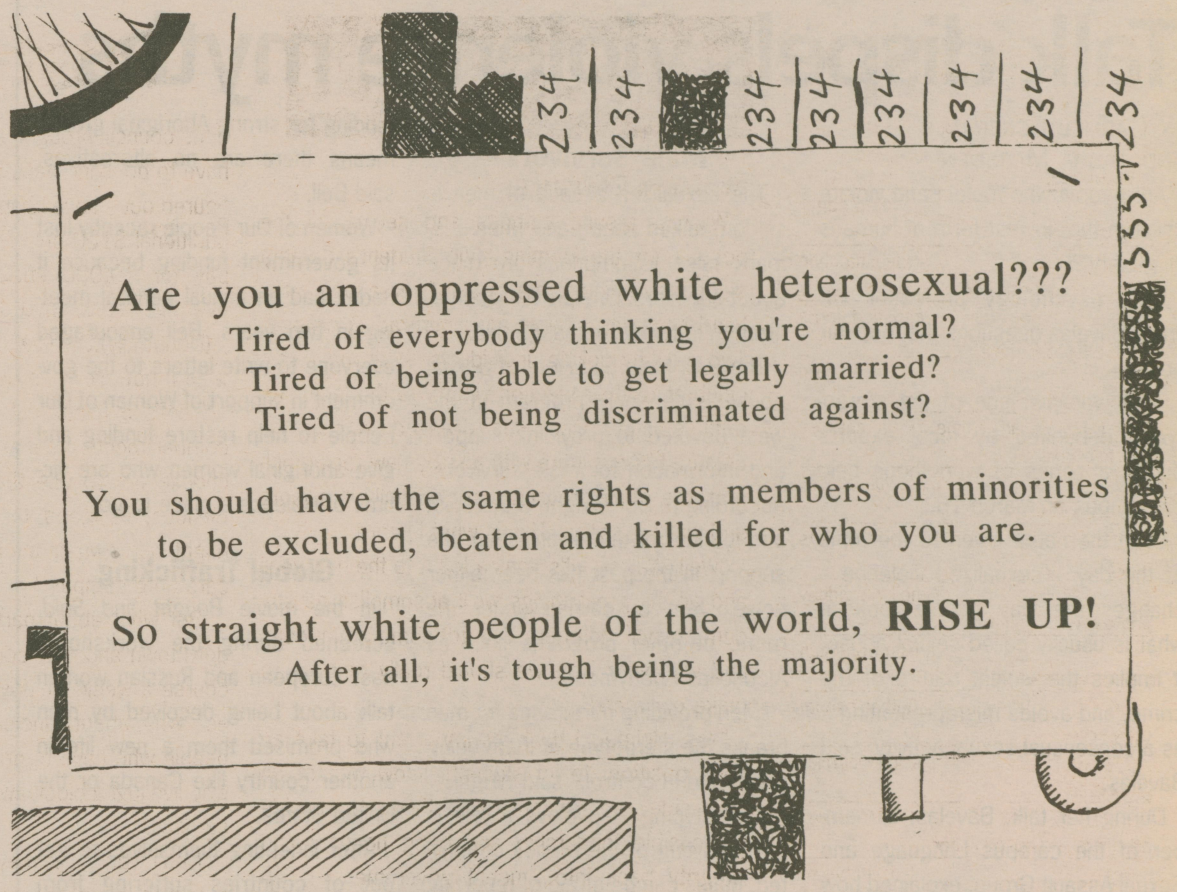
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Represent everyone

The March 16 *Martlet* involved several letters with regards to political stances being taken by the UVSS, one of which I found terribly disconcerting. John Thompson wrote that the UVSS mandate was not to represent all students. If this is the case, then I should first complement them on doing an incredibly efficient job. However, this is not the case, and to make this assumption is ludicrous, if not downright ignorant. Every student on campus pays fees to the UVSS, and with these fees (along with obligatory membership) comes the responsibility of those in power to represent all students. I'm not that old, but old enough to remember another government who felt that their mandate was not to represent all the people under its jurisdiction. Somehow, though, I don't think that F.W. de Clerk, and his Apartheid Party are available to come from South Africa and give guidance to the UVSS. Remember that the UVSS has mandatory membership, and is thus obliged to represent all who pay. Otherwise we'll end up with the UVSS Politburo, under General Secretary McFadyen, embarking on another Cultural Revolution to "cleanse" the university of undesirables. Sound scary to anyone else?

Bradley Coates

Trivializing Racism

As another March 21 approached, I wondered what *the Martlet* might feature for the week of the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. I can think of several ongoing, yet little known campaigns of racially based genocide in the world, which desperately need attention: the butchery in Rwanda, the mass graves in the former Yugoslavia, the strife between Ajerbaijan and Armenia in the Caucuses. Closer to home, too many First Nations communities still languish in poverty. Yet, for its issue of March 16, *the Martlet* decided to stun the world by revealing the little known fact that Canada was once a part of the British Empire.

Racism is a human reaction to a fear of the unknown. It is common to all cultures on Earth, and is as old the extinction of the Neanderthals by Homo Sapiens. It is responsible for millions of deaths a year in the world, and it needs to be eliminated if we are to survive as a human race. But doing this will require education, tolerance and co-operation that crosses ethnic boundaries, in the spirit of individuals such as Ghandi and Martin Luther King Jr. Printing a front-page article that essentially transports all of Nazism's half-baked racial theories and epitaphs from Jews onto Europeans, and informing us that Caucasians are not autochthonous to North America, trivializes the real problems of racism in the world. I hope that next year the writers of *the Martlet* will use their considerable talents to produce the new and challenging thought that this issue deserves, rather than merely reprinting the same brand of hackneyed clichés, that long ago lost any meaning.

Paul Harder

Pro-life violence

Dear anti-abortion freedom fighters. For me, I am not sure what UVSS should have done. Personally, freedom is first. It seems to me that freedom to express your views is not the issue. All I know is that any policy that can prevent another doctor from getting gunned down, or can keep another scared, desperate woman from using a coat-hanger has my support unconditionally.

Maybe offering money to anti-abortion groups would help alleviate the anger that cause anti-abortion extremists to shoot doctors, or use fear tactics.

I don't think so! Ensuring that women have options and support is fantastic, but guilt and pressure is not! I ask those of the anti-abortion persuasion, "what is the best way to curb the violence that is associated with pro-life?"

Robert Mabee

Natural Justice

Further to the March 9 issue of *the Martlet*, I would like to clarify the steps involved in the grade review process. Students are expected to start by discussing the issue with the instructor. If they are unable to reach the instructor, they are encouraged to contact the chair or director of the academic unit. If the issue is not resolved at that level, students need to put in a request for a grade review with Records Services. It is usually at that point that the chair or director will appoint an independent grader to review the work. The grade obtained in that way becomes the final grade.

Students have the right to be fully informed about university appeal procedures and to be treated fairly throughout the process, but with every right comes an equally important responsibility. I would like to caution that bringing the details of an issue to public attention while an appeal is underway does not allow for the application of the principles of due process and natural justice that all members of the university are entitled to.

Martine Conway

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student voice

Post-election hangovers

BY KARYN DRYSDALE

Walking around campus and seeing all the posters for the looming UVic Student's Society elections reminded me of a conversation I overhead once when I was an undergrad at college. Two healthy-looking individuals were obviously celebrating their election victory to the local student council. One was dressed in brightly-coloured biking attire with a shiny new racing helmet, the other dressed more casually in sweats and walking shoes. This is what I heard:

"Well, Walker, let's drink a toast to the new year and all the great things we'll accomplish as student council members. I've got some great ideas and with your help we should really be able to make our mark!"

"Yes, Helmet, I think it's important to take an open position, to let students know we are on their side and responsive to them, to provide responsible leadership and bring honesty and integrity back into student government. I can hardly wait. It'll be like the 60s – us against the Establishment, all for one and one for all, that sort of thing."

"Yeah yeah, whatever. Now listen, the first thing we need to do is to organize ourselves and do some really visible things right away, kind of gain the students' confidence, you know. I'm thinking it would be really cool to build a whole system of weatherproof, enclosed bike compartments, enough for every student on campus, what do you think?"

(Cautiously) "Well... it's not a bad idea, but how are we going to pay for it?"

"Oh we don't need to worry about that, there's a system already in place, which the previous student council brought in and it's brilliant! All we have to do is increase student fees! I've got it all figured out – if we charge every single student an additional $100 per term, it would be enough to pay for 10,000 enclosed bike compartments over five years. What do you think?"

(Doubtfully)... "Gee, Helmet, I don't know... what if not everyone rides a bike?"

"That's a minor detail. The point is, the bike compartments are there for them to use – if they choose not to use them, that's their business. Besides, its good for the environment, and it might cut down on the number of people bringing cars onto campus."

"But what about part-time students who work downtown and only come up to campus for one course a week, or drive up here for night classes? What about handicapped people? What about people who have to drive in from the country, or who live just a block away and prefer to walk onto campus?

"Don't you think they might object to shelling out even more money to subsidize something they are never going to use? Perhaps there should be an opt-out clause."

"Who cares about them? They are just a small minority, and are never going to get organized enough to mount any kind of opposition. Besides, if they have a job, they can afford to give up some of their cash for a good cause. They, my dear Walker, are just sheep waiting to be fleeced!"

"Shhh, I don't think you should be saying that quite so loud. Some of those "sheep" are here in the pub with us! Now what you say makes some sense, but I still think that some of them might have had enough of paying for a lot of so-called benefits they don't think they need or will use, and maybe it won't be as easy as you think. I also think at some point they will start objecting to being told how they should run their lives."

"Here's what we do, Walker. We mount a campaign, do some advertising, get our friends out to support us. This current student generation is a marketer's dream – all you have to do is put up some posters, trot out some slogans, adopt a holier-than-thou attitude about the environment, personal fitness, and elitism, and even the naysayers will lapse into guilty silence. Then we'll hold a referendum and get all the members of the Bike Riders Society and their friends to come out and vote, and before you know it, we'll have it passed!"

"Gee, Helmet, it sounds pretty airtight, but there's still something about it that bothers me. . . it kind of brings back some of the rhetoric that was being bandied about earlier this century when communism was on the rise and the East Bloc was established. Sort of like –'from each according to his ability – to each according to his need'...it kind of makes me a bit uneasy.

Don't you think some might wise up to what's happening? I'm not sure I can support this issue with you, Helmet."

"Ok, look, how about this. We'll make an agreement with your uncle's shoe store to provide a pair of running shoes for everyone on campus, and we'll tack on an extra $50 per term to student fees to pay for it! What do you say?"

"Helmet, you've convinced me! Lead on! Oh, it's going to be a great year!"

Did this conversation really happen? Maybe, maybe not.

COULD it happen?

soapbox

In defense of Mumia

BY SIMON GLEZOS

In Robert Dager's student voice of March 16, he admonishes supporters of death row inmate Mumia Abu-Jamal for just listening to Mumia's side of the story and never looking at the actual facts of the case. However, he then goes on to make numerous unfounded assertions and factual inaccuracies.

Dager claims that those who say Mumia received an unfair trial don't know what they're talking about. However, the judicial errors in Mumia's trial have been well documented. Mumia's defense team has filed a writ of habeas corpus detailing 29 separate constitutional violations, not the least of which include accusations of fabrication of evidence, witness coercion and jury tampering. *American Lawyer*, the United States' foremost legal journal has called for a new trial, as have the Congressional Black Caucus, the ACLU, the European Parliament and numerous other legal organizations.

Dager claimed that Judge Sabo removed Mumia from the jury selection process for the sake of expediency. The fact is Mumia was removed on the first day of jury selection before he would have even had a chance to hold up the proceedings. More importantly, after Mumia's removal, the prosecution went on to remove 13 qualified black jurors without explanation, a tactic, it was later revealed, the Philadelphia district attorney's office taught as policy.

Dager's assertion that the bullet that shot Faulkner was a match for Mumia's gun is entirely erroneous. The prosecution's ballistics expert testified that the bullet that shot Faulkner was from a .38, as opposed to Mumia's gun, which was a .44. His claim that the defense's ballistics' expert agreed with the prosecution is impossible as the defense never hired a ballistics expert due to lack of funds. More importantly, even if they had hired an expert, he would have been incapable of coming to any conclusion as the Philadelphia police department "lost" the bullet.

In addition, the police neglected to do basic ballistics tests to determine whether Mumia's gun had been fired, or whether Mumia had fired a gun at all, which is supposed to be standard procedure at any crime scene.

Dager claims there were witnesses to the crime. In reality only two witnesses ever testified that Mumia was the shooter, both of whom have since changed their testimony, claiming that they were coerced by the police. One was a convicted arsonist who was driving a cab without a license at the time of the shooting, a crime he has never been charged with. The other was a prostitute, who claims that police threatened they'd take her child away unless she testified that Mumia was the shooter. There were also an additional 10 witnesses at or near the scene, none of whom identify Mumia as the shooter, many of whom actually testified in police reports that a third man shot Faulkner. Police never followed up on this possibility.

As for Mumia's alleged 'confession,' it was a reported a full two months after the night of the shooting, by an officer whose original written report from the night in question said "the negro male made no comment." The confession was only brought up when questions began to arise regarding the legality of Mumia's trial, and the district attorney asked if anyone "remembered"'Mumia confessing.

And let's not forget that all of this evidence was brought forth by the Philadelphia police department, the only police department ever to be sued by the United States Department of Justice. In the same time period as Mumia's case, over 300 trials took place that have since been overturned because of convictions obtained on the basis of police frame-ups.

Additionally, Dager's claims that Mumia wasn't a well-known journalist, saying, "No one knew who this guy was until he told the world," is entirely unfounded. Starting his journalism career at age 15, Mumia earned the nickname "The Voice of the Voiceless" for exposing corruption and brutality in the Philadelphia police department. He was president of the Association of Black Journalists in Philadelphia. He received the Major Armstrong award for radio journalism and, in the year of Faulkner's shooting, was named one of 1981's "people to watch" by *Philadelphia* magazine.

There's one point I do agree with Dager on, and that's that people shouldn't simply accept what they hear about Mumia's case, they should read up on it themselves. However, instead of sending you to www.danielfaulkner.com, a webpage maintained by Daniel Faulkner's widow, I would suggest checking out more impartial sources. Check out Amnesty International at www.amnestyusa.org/abolish/reports/mumia/, which has joined the call to get Mumia a new trial, or Fairness and Accuracy in Reporting (www.fair.org), which has catalogued many of the inaccuracies present in the media's reporting on Mumia.

Finally, Dager says that Faulkner is the victim in this case. And that's true. It is a terrible tragedy that Faulkner had his life taken away from him. But let's not forget Mumia has been in jail for 19 years now, imprisoned as a result of an unfair trial. He's a victim too. And there's still time to save him.

POWERFUL

FACED WITH THE ESCALATING COSTS OF PRIVATE AND SUBSIDIZED HEALTH CARE, MANY OF THE MOST PROGRESSIVE UNIVERSITIES AND MEDICAL SCHOOLS NOW ADVOCATE TAKING A MORE PREVENTIVE APPROACH TO HEALTH.

COULD INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE BE THE ANSWER?

Dr. Russell Graham uses acupuncture to treat a patient.

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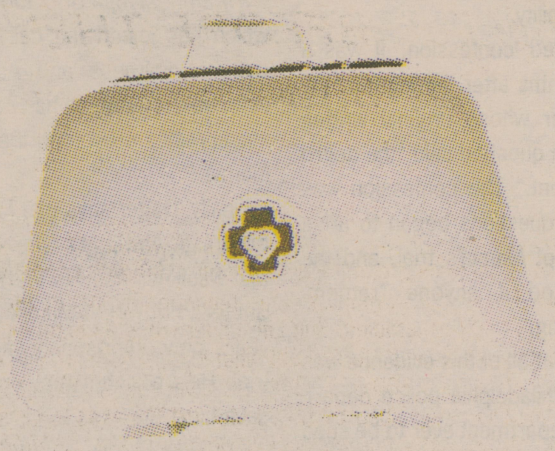

March is almost over and for most students it's a daunting time. March means that the end of term is close. No time to breathe, eat, sleep, or even smell the flowers. Too many deadlines. Too much stress. Fresh in September and ready to take the academic challenge, students are now like triathletes in the last leg of a race. All they want is to quit, stop and rest. But they can't.

Parents, family, friends all expect to see their favoured student make it to the finish line. Add this kind of pressure to that which a student is already manufacturing inwardly and it's a formidable picture. Of course it's time to finish off term papers and prepare for exams, but the mind is producing high levels of anxiety and a plethora of new and innovative ways to avoid, procrastinate and defer.

If you're a student, you're under attack in more ways than one: it isn't just your mind that's reacting with agitation to the pressure of deadlines and workload, your body is also responding to the battle. What started at the beginning of term has now built to a crescendo and you may soon hear the sound of parts of your nervous system snapping, crackling and popping.

Or maybe you already have if you've got a stiff neck, a sore back and recurring headaches just dull enough to annoy but not bad enough to justify a declaration from a doctor that you can't function at all. There's also that persistent twitch in your left eyelid. You check your birth certificate. It confirms that, yes, you're only 24 years old, so you shouldn't have the aches, the pains and the diminished energy of a 60-year-old, should you?

Then why, oh why, do you feel so bad?

Take a deep breath. Exhale. Let's place this experience into a context that makes it understandable. You're a student: a 21st century, North American university student. What has that got to do with how you feel? Everything. You live in a culture that, for the most part, ignores the significance of the mind-body connection. You suffer from a malady bigger than you. It's called ignorance. Educators generally do not acknowledge the negative effects that overuse of the intellect may have on the physical body, including the 'emotional body.'

Consequently you have probably have not been told that the pressures of school can create havoc on your mind, your spirit and your body.

Throughout medical history, there has always been a strong tradition of natural healing. However, after 1950, a post-war fascination with medical technology resulted in a declining interest in naturopathic medicine and a growing societal dependency on synthetic drugs and surgical procedures. North Americans began to think of sickness as something over which they had very little personal control. Responsibility for the treatment and cure of disease was given over to physicians.

But allopathy, our usual chosen form of medical treatment, treats symptoms, not causes, so cures are usually not permanent. If schools prepare people for life-after-school in this culture, then perhaps it makes sense that the experience of being a student replicates many of the imbalances found in our modern 'real' world. However, education more ideally is a process that empowers each new generation to improve on the established order of things. Higher learning not only instructs, but also supports quality of life. Then why does the experience of being in school often make us sick?

Perhaps if we listened more to the messages our bodies send us, if this simple act of respect became as fundamental to formal education as developing the intellect has been, we'd be more balanced, more self-aware, in a better position to maintain good mental, physical, emotional and spiritual health. These are some of the basic tenets of what is now called complimentary or integrated medicine. Faced with the escalating costs of private and subsidized health care, many of the most progressive universities and medical schools now advocate taking a more preventive approach to health and learning more about how to manage all parts of the whole person. Hence the term 'holistic' medicine.

Although not yet fully integrated into North America's health-care delivery systems, there are now many medical practitioners, including naturopaths, osteopaths, chiropractors and massage therapists providing holistic care and affordable ways to expand our understanding of our bodies and to ease our discomfort.

'Dis-ease' is just another word for discomfort. When ill, we are not at ease. Naturopathic medicine expands on the traditional model of allopathic medicine that's been in use in Canada and the United States for most of the last century.

Allopathy identifies symptoms, then treats them, usually with drugs or surgery. This means if you complain to your M.D. that you have a headache, a backache, a leg ache, or a muscle cramp, a painkiller (aspirin, Tylenol, etc.), or a muscle relaxant would likely be recommended. Some allopathic doctors might go so far as to recommend changes in diet or an increase in exercise, a few might suggest that you learn a relaxation technique or take a yoga class. If you complained of recurring tonsillitis or respiratory infections, the standard treatment would be antibiotics, or often, a tonsillectomy.

MEDICINE

by Deborah Fitzgerald

Dr. Garth Edgar uses applied kinesiology on UVic's Bobby Parmar.
Martlet Photo by Kristin Froneman

Several generations of Canadians and Americans have been raised on this kind of symptom-based medicine. This is why the Victoria phone book has 15 yellow pages listing 'Physicians.' But the nature of medical practice is changing — in the phone book you'll also find almost half a page listing 'Naturopathic Physicians,' a good-size collection of acupuncturists, five pages of 'Chiropractors' and a bountiful list of massage therapists.

Most naturopaths offer a variety of treatments, depending on what 'modalities' they favour using. Some of those modalities include the use of homeopathy, herbal treatments, acupuncture and even acupressure and bodywork. Naturopaths must spend just as many years in school as their allopathic colleagues, entering with the same pre-admission requirements. Naturopathic colleges in Canada and the United States differ from traditional medical schools, offering a more complete model for understanding the mind-body connection.

After receiving his bachelor of science degree, Dr. Russell Graham went on to a college of naturopathic medicine and now practices as a naturopathic physician in Victoria. A first visit to Dr. Graham usually costs about $35 and subsequent visits are much less, with a portion of the costs often covered by extended health plans. His initial assessment is based on information given via a lengthy questionnaire and discussion.

When someone comes in complaining of stomach problems, Graham applies the holistic model of looking at everything going on in the person's life and tries to "tie it all together," and may find that, in fact, the causal factor is anxiety.

While a patient may be asked by an M.D. to describe eating, drinking and sleeping habits, an 'N.D.' places greater emphasis on looking at the cause-effect relationship between the patient's thoughts, feelings, actions and the condition of the body.

Graham notes that allergies are more and more prevalent. If he suspects they might be a factor, in addition to blood tests, he often has clients keep a diary for a week at a time: diarrhea after lunch, or headaches after dinner are often indications of allergies. He also believes strongly in the mental and emotional side of things and uses his counselling skills to help uncover feelings that need to be released. Traditionally, the allopathic model looks at disease by focusing attention primarily on the body and its systems of skeletal bones, muscles, circulating fluids and eliminative apparatus.

The goal of naturopathic treatment is to restore normal functioning of the body through the use of natural substances and treatments that enhance the body's own healing abilities. While construction of an extensive medical history and physical examinations may be performed using standard diagnostic instruments and laboratory tests, greater attention is given to examining the aspects of a patient's internal (emotions) and external life (diet, exposure to environmental hazards) to determine the cause of illness. Symptoms are regarded more as clues to what's not right, than as targets for elimination. As long as symptoms persist, the underlying problem remains to be found and remedied. Patients are encouraged to make informed choices about self-care, which can prevent future health problems.

Dr. Garth Edgar, a chiropractor practicing in Victoria for over 11 years, looks for adaptations and compensations in the body which may be the result of unresolved stress, or fears. Treating a patient who has had an accident, Edgar says, "accidents don't usually happen if we are in balance and aware. Unfortunately, we deal unconsciously and automatically with stress on various levels all the time and when we can't flee, we have to withstand the stress. Then we adapt, we compensate." He looks for clues of compensatory behaviours buried in the physical body, picking up information even by listening to his patient's voice and looking into their eyes.

Identifying adaptive behaviour as one of the main causes of what he calls "repetitive stress syndrome," Edgar uses many techniques, including applied kinesiology (muscle testing), to find pathology in the body, to get to the "emotional root" of a problem and to "release on a deeper level than just the physical."

"Typical stress for a student may be a headache, constipation, sore neck and shoulders and low back pain. It may even involve pain in the jaw," says Edgar. "A holistic view of this is to see the whole person within a pattern of repetitive stress, to see the clenching of teeth at night as an indicator of repressed anger, causing mid back pain and subsequent headaches, also causing constipation and a depressed immune response, making the person vulnerable to colds and flus. From that whole scenario, there has to be a chance to express feelings, and to release tensions being held in the jaw and back, giving more understanding of why the body is suffering. This will result in a much deeper release than by just adjusting their back, using only a physical technique."

According to several of Edgar's clients, his approach works.

The chiropractor believes that colds and flu should not be "suppressed" with antibiotic drugs, which may further depress an already challenged immune system. Edgar prefers to see clients receive chiropractic care, massage, acupuncture or botanical remedies to facilitate the process of detoxification, and shorten their period of discomfort.

But the "ultimate holistic practice attempts to treat people before they get sick, to enhance their health and well-being, and give them a strategy for their own daily practice of well-being."

Like Dr. Graham, Dr. Penny Seth-Smith, another Victoria naturopath, uses homeopathy to "get results." She believes that homeopathic remedies "go deep enough to address emotional and mental imbalances that start in early life." She's seen the right homeopathic remedy alter attitude to life so much that a person who normally wakes up saying, "Oh, God," is able to greet the day with "Oh, good!" She remembers one patient who had at the age of five suffered the abuses of a cruel stepfather. Given a homeopathic remedy at age 50, he declared that the result felt like two years of therapy and he was able, suddenly to stop drinking, something he had been trying to do, but with little success, for years. Women who see 'Dr. Penny,' as she is affectionately called by her clients, claim that they feel listened to, never patronized.

For now, based on cultural values, a very small proportion of the population care enough about preventive and holistic healthcare, and disease prevention, to participate in and pay for holistic care.

This could soon change.

Canada's subsidized health care system based on allopathy has created a mentality that says, "if it isn't broken, don't fix it."

But, funded and administered by the government, Canada's health care program is at the mercy of federal and provincial politics, and at risk of becoming extinct. Canadian consumers, unhappy with the state of their personal health, are asking questions and willing to try harder to find the answers.

THE ULTIMATE HOLISTIC PROCESS ATTEMPTS TO TREAT PEOPLE BEFORE THEY GET SICK.

How much does it cost?

So, how much does it cost to receive extra health care services? In B.C., 12 visits per year to a naturopathic physician (visits to chiropractors and massage therapists are eligible also) are partially covered by the province's Medical Services Plan (MSP). (You'll get a better refund if you have a doctor's referral for massage - especially if it's specific about body parts i.e. upper back, neck, shoulders, lower back, head, but for a naturopath, no referral is necessary.)

Many private health insurance companies offering extended healthcare plans now offer discounts on acupuncture, stress management, homeopathy, naturopathy, nutritional counselling and other alternative therapies. Sun Life underwrites an extended benefits package for University of Victoria students. To find out what kind of benefits and coverage the company provides, you can call 1-800-661-7334. However, because savings to students are governed by regulations established by B.C.'s Medical Services Plan, Sun Life's refund is only to a maximum of $10 after the MSP refund amount.

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New album brings no change to personality

BY JIN DAVID KIM

TORONTO (CUP) – He's attractive and well-groomed. As I walk through the door I am immediately drawn to him. As I try my best to make a good first impression he smiles and nods attentively.

This man is not Liam Gallagher, but the Four Seasons hotel concierge who directs me to the Sony rep who directs me to the lead singer of Oasis, the greatest thing since J.C. and the Apostles – or so "they" say.

Liam Gallagher, as I will later realize, is the anti-concierge. If he and the concierge were to actually meet, they would annihilate each other, leaving nothing more than the scorched earth upon which they both once stood.

"They" are the undisputed Brit-pop kings, whose sophomore album, *What's the Story Morning Glory*, sold over 13 million albums, spawning hit single after hit single all the while taking equal parts criticism and praise for their Beatles-tinged sound.

Liam Gallagher (l) staring into the grey London skies, while Oasis members strike a sassy pose. photo provided

In the UK, Oasis is as popular as speaking with an accent. They are in town promoting their latest album, *Standing on the Shoulder of Giants*. Since completing the record, Oasis acquired two free agents and released two from the team roster.

"The old guys went back to their homes with their kids, and the new guys left their homes from their kids," says Gallagher.

The new guys, Andy Bell and a chap named Gem, fit right in with the group. They play football together and consider each other mates, Gallagher adds.

"I don't think *Morning Glory* was an amazing album," he replies when I ask him to explain the success of their most acclaimed record. "I mean, we recorded it in two weeks. You know what I mean? Two fucking weeks. So we didn't put a lot of time into it, we just banged it out."

However, when they banged out their third album, *Definitely Maybe*, their popularity seemed be waning, selling only six million copies worldwide.

Although Liam partly blames poor production, he seems more comfortable with, "'cause you can't do that all the time."

The heart of the band is Liam's brother, song-writing virtuoso Noel.

Noel writes relatively simple tunes, content with three or four chord progressions per song – maybe even per album – with unchallenging but soaring melodies.

Like the band's heroes, the Beatles, their songs are singable by even the tone-deaf.

Where they differ, however, is that while John and Paul could make you cry, Liam sings with all the soul of a beltsander. Instead of delving into the music, Liam drives right over it as if it were a stretch of highway, smooth and straightaway.

Liam and Noel make headlines in the British tabs whenever they fight, which is often. Trying to get a rise out of him I press Liam on their apparently tumultuous relationship. He lets me down by getting all mushy.

"I can't get tired of these songs. They mean a lot to me, because they're written by him," he says. "I mean, if they were wrote by someone else, that'd be a different ball game, you know what I mean? If we weren't brothers, that'd be a different ball game. You know, Roger Daltry and Pete Townshend got a weird vibe. He's my brother, you know. We're similar."

We're similar. He draws it out as if he's just grasped the last piece of a puzzle.

"We're similar, you know what I mean? We've gone down that similar path so it all seems like natural to sing his songs 'cause we're singing about the same things. We're living a similar life so it's pretty natural."

This vulnerable, truly authentic, side of Liam is almost endearing. Somehow sensing this, he pulls back and lashes out to take the heat off.

"Yeah, we [Liam and Noel] live around the corner from each other. Gavin, out of Bush, lives on the block. He lives across the park. He only lives there because I live there. Now I want to move away, as far as possible away from there."

Naturally, I ask him if he's ever had Gavin over for a barbecue or Tupperware party.

"There'd be no fucking chance. He wouldn't last fucking five minutes in the same room as me."

"Mentally. Physically. Musically. Not knowledgeable." The incessant braggadocio isn't as obnoxious to listen to as one might imagine. This is partly due to what Liam refers to as his, "positive vibes, all the time," which means, I think, when he's really laying into someone, you're relieved that you're not the target.

The other part of Liam's charm is that, at 27, he jabbers like a precocious child. He may speak brashly on a myriad of subjects, but that doesn't necessarily mean he's in full control of the words.

Liam's mantra of "You know what I mean" is most likely "Is that what I mean?" Liam may not know what he should be saying, but he's definitely convinced he should be saying it loudly. His disdain for his contemporaries is legendary.

"What do I listen for? Melody. Good songs. People who can rock and roll, not just rock, you know what I mean? Good voices. Star quality. Character," he rattles off the criteria as confidently as he would colours of the rainbow. Like Radiohead, I suggest?

"No, they're students. They're boring student music. I don't like them."

"Thom Yorke doesn't have a good voice?" I ask.

When he answers no, I blink. Liam's giving me a headache. Yorke may be an ugly devil but his voice is nothing short of angelic. His opinion of Bush – "Rubbish!" – is more severe than his opinion of those fans Oasis shares with that band.

"They're a bit confused, to like our band and their band. It's really a bit deprived or something. It's a bit muddled up because they're totally worlds apart. Like the park, see? We're on other sides of the park."

According to Liam, though, everybody's on the other side of the park.

Does he like any contemporary music?

"I like a band called Travis, from Scotland. That's about it really."

Travis, also on the Epic record label, is often compared to Oasis. The terrific b-side on their first single off their new album, "The Man Who," is a cheeky cover of "Hit Me Baby (One More Time)." If you haven't heard it you will soon.

Liam calls American artists "terrible," and then "fucking terrible."

Was he talking about boy-bands and bubblegum?

"Korn and fucking Limp Bizkit, which is even worse," he mutters.

Oasis fills his criteria of good music and more, says Liam.

"They've got a band here that likes being on stage, and that likes being in the limelight, and likes all the things rock and roll brings you. You know, we're not ashamed of our fame. Not like all these dickhead American bands who start a band and then say they don't want to be famous. Bollocks."

He pauses, taking a drag from his rapidly depleting cigarette.

"So that's appealing, you know. It gives them [fans] hope, like, yeah, I want to be in a rock and roll band."

Homeward bound, I decide that he's right. He is inspiring and makes me want to be in band. But then my headache gets worse and I realize he also makes one heck of an argument for being a concierge.

Standing on the Shoulder of Giants is currently available in stores. Oasis' sole Canadian show is April 29 in Toronto.

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Colours is inventive and compelling

Krista McKeacjie (as Winnie Taylor) and Michael Costa (as Tom Thomson) in *Colours in the Storm*.

photo provided

BY COLIN PLANT

The Phoenix deserves recognition for ending their season of all-Canadian scripts with a modern musical documenting the later life of one of our nation's most important and influential artists. Indeed, the university theatre department has delivered a message this past year to the community and their students stating it is about time we start producing more of our own plays and to celebrate our own stories. Such leadership from the department is exceptional.

Originally penned in 1990 by Canadian Jim Betts, *Colours in the Storm* is an entertaining story about Canadian painter Tom Thomson's life and mysterious death in Ontario's Algonquin park. Set in the early 20th century, we observe both his artistic development and the effects the maverick painter has on the lives of the inhabitants of the park.

Director Bindon Kinghorn has created a fluid, nuanced and thoughtful production of this busy mini-musical. Effectively choreographing the various scenes, Kinghorn kept the audience engaged and interested in his production. Particularly effective was the staged prologue in which the actors silently entered a gallery to view Thomson's work. This provided an inventive and compelling introduction to the entire evening.

Musical director Peter Brown deserves praise for evoking such strong and effective performances for the choral numbers in the musical. Indeed, the strongest moments in the production are its choral songs. The voices in harmony are lush and as fresh as Algonquin park air. Leading a three-piece band (piano, guitar, fiddle), Brown also ensures an admirable balance between the band and his singers, never overpowering the latter.

Unfortunately some of his student cast are not able to meet the solo singing challenges presented. The play's two leads fit into this category. While Michael Costa's portrayal of Thomson is convincing as the energized and passionate painter, his singing last Friday night sounded flat. Krista McKeachie as his girlfriend Winnie Trainor also captured her character nicely, but her rich voice seemed tight and uncomfortable in the upper register.

Kate Humble and Kenneth Rose are sweet-voiced supporting characters. As Wild Mary and Larry Dixon respectively, the two demonstrate the power and beauty of Betts' music when sung confidently.

Completing her MFA in Scenography, Maury Drummond, has designed an effective set. The open space provides Kinghorn the flexibility and space required to change locales easily. However, it would have been nice to have seen more of Thomson's artwork introduced into the set design. Unfortunately, the realistic frames hanging on the gallery walls were too small for the audience to see clearly.

Drummond's costumes are not as successful. While she has moderate success dressing most of her characters in the appropriate early 20th century look of rural Ontario, some of her costumes made her actors look foolish. Thomson is dressed in his trademark large yellow shirt, but his overly short pants made Costa look impish.

Overall, this production is a success. Like an early Thomson painting, many members of the production team demonstrate incredible amounts of potential.

Fruit brings an Aussie flavour to Legends

Fruit singer belting it out for the crowd.

photo by Chris Taylor

BY KRISTEN ELDER

Despite the fact that the band Fruit hails all the way from Australia and doesn't get much airplay, they sure managed to attract a large, appreciative crowd at Legends last week. Fruit's unique blend of funk, blues, rock and groove cast a spell over the crowd and packed the dance floor Tuesday night. Their worldwide following stems from their appearances at numerous folk festivals throughout North America.

The evening opened with acoustic duo Sarah and Teegan, twin sisters and talented songwriters from Calgary who have a new album in the works. Their strong voices and acoustic guitar expertise greeted the rapt audience gathered on the floor. They kept the crowd entertained with humourous antics between songs, sisterly bickering, and an informal survey of the crowd of who could recall the joys of fries and gravy at K-Mart.

Fruit began with some mellow tunes from their first album *Fruit*, and Mel Watson's deep-toned trumpet solo managed to get some Fruitsters dancing by the third song, "Dreaming." The playful energy Fruit stirred up while waltzing on stage to their new song "Island" ended abruptly when guitarist Sam Lohs fell over and had to be escorted backstage for some quick knee treatment. After this short break, the crowd was soon up and dancing again for the rest of the night.

Catherine Oates' new position on bass ensured an intensely groovy sound that got many hips shaking as her fingers flew up and down the neck of her fabulously bright blue bass guitar. Watson worked her usual magic by playing different wind and brass instruments during her many and remarkably energetic solos.

Fruit's new songs continue to expand their reputation for upbeat, positive lyrics and show off their talent for harmonizing vocals. With Susie, Sam and Mel taking turns writing, the result is a diverse collection of songs. Their lyrics are usually fun and positive, but also manage to address topics such as death, relationships, love and AIDS. Susie says they are hoping their new ep, *Limited U.S. Release*, will help Fruit to secure a record deal. "We want a deal so that we can do what we do now as an independent, but bigger and better with the infrastructure to make more happen," said Susie.

The success of the show hinged on the energy and fun personality of the band, but also on the presence of a dynamic crowd. Susie said that Fruit tends to attract a diverse crowd of fans that is spread far and wide across gender, politics and age. "This allows different groups of people to effortlessly share the same space and shows how easy this can be," said Susie.

If you missed Fruit this time around or if you're longing to see them again, look for them at Duncan's folk festival this summer or at Bumbershoot in Seattle later this year. Also, check out their website at http://www.fruit.on.net.

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Sports Call

BY CRAIG BATTLE

I love March (yes, I used the word 'love'). And it's not because of the start of springtime, or my birthday, or the proximity to summer vacation. March is spectacular in its Madness.

For example, this month Temple University basketball head coach Jon Chaney told a *National Post* reporter, "You know who was a good point guard? Jesus. Jesus was a good point guard. He was a good point guard because he gave to the multitudes... he never had to [go to his left] because he was always right."

This is the kind of stuff that makes March Madness – the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA), basketball tournament and surrounding mayhem – better than any other type of madness you can think of.

For instance, how can you compare March Madness – the 64-team, single-knockout basketball bonanza – with the madness of, say, vertigo? There's no contest: the only queasy feeling one might get off March Madness would stem from overconsumption of celebratory alcohol (but that's the alcohol's fault).

The NCAA tournament is so mad that entire universities shut down so students and faculty can sit in bars and track their teams' fates on tv. World Cup soccer has the same effect on whole countries (this is the same type of madness, only on a larger scale).

And don't even start with the tiny amount of madness that the Canadian Inter University Athletic Union (CIAU), basketball tournament dishes out. First of all, the CIAU brand has no nickname. Once they realized Madness was taken, the tournament organizers must have given up. On top of that, the Canadian marketing teams leave much to be desired when NCAA tournament terms like Sweet Sixteen, Elite Eight and Final Four have become the sporting world's first line of poetry.

Another reason the Canadian University tournament doesn't stack up is that it consists of eight teams over four days – a sports fan could blink and miss the entire thing. And despite the CIAU's possession of necessary tournament qualities – Cinderella stories, upsets, buzzer beaters – only the finals of each men's and women's tournaments are televised. In other words, TSN feels it gets better ratings off fishing shows and bowling than they would off the most important Canadian university basketball event of the year.

On the other hand, March Madness is an American television event (not that this alone makes it good). It starts early with conference playoffs, then on to the announcement of the 64 teams and seedings, through several days of playoffs in several locations until only one team is left standing. Besides, keeping track of winners on your very own tournament ladder is both fun and fulfilling.

And if there are those still unconvinced of the appeal of the tournament, there is still one more argument: In no other month can you hear the term 'boo ya' so often. And this, like Jesus being a good point

A recap of the year in sports

BY DENA VANDALFSEN

In the past few years UVic has constantly seen its top-ranked teams in basketball, soccer, field hockey and rowing eliminated by weaker teams during the playoffs.

But the athletic department does have things to smile about this year: a couple of national titles courtesy of the women's cross country and basketball teams.

Here are some of the brighter moments in Vikes history for the 1999/2000 season:

November 7, 1999

For the second time in as many years the Vikes women's field hockey team had to settle for the silver medal behind the UBC Thunderbirds at the national championships. Aoibhinn Grimes received the mvp award and fellow graduating teammates Kristen Taunton and Veronica Planella were named First Team All-Canadians.

November 13, 1999

The UVic women's cross country team ran to its second consecutive gold medal at the CIAU's in Kingston, Ontario. The Vikes placed five women in the top 14 in the 5km race. Stephanie Mills was the Vikes top finisher with third place. Mills' 17:40 run was not only her best this season, but it was good enough to qualify for the World University Games. Barbora Brych, Larissa Managh, Brandi Heisterman and Wendy Cocksedge helped secure the team banner with their finishes.

The women's field hockey squad kept their eye on the ball trouncing UBC 5-2 at home on October 24.

Martlet photo by Peter Booth

November 14, 1999

The men's Vikes soccer team captured bronze at the CIAU championships. Their tournament opener was a 5-0 thumping of the Dalhousie Tigers in the pouring rain, but the Vikes were upset the next day by the eventual champs the Western Ontario Mustangs. The Vikes then snagged the bronze in a game of championship quality soccer to snag the bronze in a 4-0 victory over McGill.

March 11, 2000

At the Spring Nationals UVic swimmers took home eight individual medals including four golds. Olympic hopeful, Rick Say won two golds and one bronze and set a new Canadian record in the 200m freestyle with a time of 1:48.86. Teammate John Stamhuis took away a gold and a silver medal while Christin Petelski snagged three medals, one of each.

March 12, 2000

The women's basketball team is golden again for the third time in four years. In Edmonton, in a replay of the Canada West final, the Vikes triumphed over the Calgary Dinos. Lindsay Brooke was named for the second time, tournament mvp and Janet McLachlan was named First Team All-Canadian.

STILL LEFT TO COME:

Soccer Spring Cup - Come out to Centennial Stadium to watch the men's and women's teams this Saturday and Sunday

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UVic intramural standings

Ball Hockey

Wed.

	GP	W	L	T	P
Chaos	7	6	1	0	19
Absolute Last...	7	5	2	0	17
Millennium...	7	5	2	0	17
Singles	7	5	2	0	17
Maude Squad	7	4	3	0	15
Cowichan Tribe	7	4	3	0	15
Team Green	7	3	4	0	13
TBA-Kris	7	1	5	1	10
Begbie Blades	7	1	5	1	10
Cancer	7	0	7	0	7

Thurs.

	GP	W	L	T	P
The Crunch	5	5	0	0	15
Keep it Up	5	5	0	0	15
The Big Smooth	6	4	1	1	15
Whatever...	5	3	1	1	12
Singles	5	3	2	0	11
Big Shots	5	2	3	0	9
Duncan Demons	4	2	1	1	9
The Fourth Hine	5	2	3	0	9
Victoria Secrets	5	1	3	1	8
Keggers	5	1	4	0	8
Synergy	3	0	3	0	3
Revenge...	3	0	3	0	3

Basketball

Mon. Recreation

	GP	W	L	T	P
Sure Shot	7	5	1	1	18
The Misfits	7	5	2	0	17
What's my...	6	5	1	0	16
It doesn't...	6	3	3	0	12
Jammers	5	3	2	0	11
Who's Your...	5	3	2	0	11
Ed's Revenge	6	1	4	1	9
Heartbreaker	5	1	4	0	7
Team X	3	0	3	0	3

Tues. Intermediate

	GP	W	L	T	P
B-Ballers	6	5	1	0	16
Sharman	6	5	1	0	16
Sure Thing	5	4	0	1	14
High Flyers	6	4	2	0	14
And One Brown...	6	4	2	0	14
RA Groove...	6	3	2	1	13
Below the Rim	5	3	2	0	11
The Bank	7	2	5	0	11
Begbie	6	1	5	0	8
Grandmaster...	5	1	4	0	7
Magic	4	0	4	0	4

Tues. Competitive

	GP	W	L	T	P
Spank me Peter..	6	6	0	0	18
Bombers	6	5	1	0	16
Superheavy...	5	4	1	0	13
Feelin' Nutty	5	4	1	0	13
The C Dogs	6	3	3	0	12
Gamecocks	5	3	2	0	11
Liquorheads	6	2	4	0	10
S. Might	6	1	5	0	8
Team Phat Ass	6	1	5	0	8
Sweet D	6	1	5	0	8
Victoria's Secret	4	1	3	0	6

Field Hockey

	GP	W	L	T	P
Whirling Derv...	6	6	0	0	18
Killer Smurfs	6	6	0	0	18
We Go Downhill	5	3	2	0	11
Singles 1	6	2	4	0	10
Bulls	5	2	3	0	9
Megan's Team	5	1	4	0	7
Stick People	4	1	3	0	6

Ice Hockey

Wed.

	GP	W	L	T	P
A- Team	6	6	0	0	18
The Pylons	6	3	2	1	13
Smugglers	6	4	1	1	15
Vipers	6	3	3	0	12
Begbie Blades	6	2	4	0	10
Shagadelic...	6	1	5	0	8
Swingin' Singles	6	0	6	0	6

Fri.

	GP	W	L	T	P
$7.50 Hangover	6	6	0	0	18
Ring of Fire	6	4	2	0	14
Force	6	2	2	2	12
UVic Storm	6	2	3	1	11
Token Pinners	6	1	3	2	10
Single People	6	1	3	2	10
The Big Hurt	6	1	4	1	9

Sun.

	GP	W	L	T	P
Burn Out	8	7	1	0	22
Was There Any...	7	7	0	0	21
Begbie Blades	8	5	3	0	18
Bigote	7	4	2	1	16
Lipsplitters	8	3	3	2	16
Goonies	7	3	4	0	13
Single Blades	8	2	6	0	12
Tuffs	7	1	5	1	10
Extra Sunday	6	1	5	0	8
Hot Dog...	6	1	5	0	8

Inline Hockey

	GP	W	L	T	P
Begbie Blades	6	5	0	1	17
B Team	6	4	1	1	15
Oilers	6	4	2	0	14
Brocket Rockets	6	3	3	0	12
Shakalla's	6	2	4	0	10
Team Samp	6	2	4	0	10
Untouchables	6	0	6	0	6

Indoor Soccer

Tues.

	GP	W	L	T	P
Foots R Us	7	6	1	0	19
Ten Mile Point...	7	5	1	1	18
Jackson Five	7	4	1	2	16
Red Rockets	6	4	2	0	14
Blue Bullets	7	2	3	2	13
The Final Answer	7	2	4	1	11
Elm Street Bullies	5	2	1	2	11
Lab Rats	7	0	7	0	7

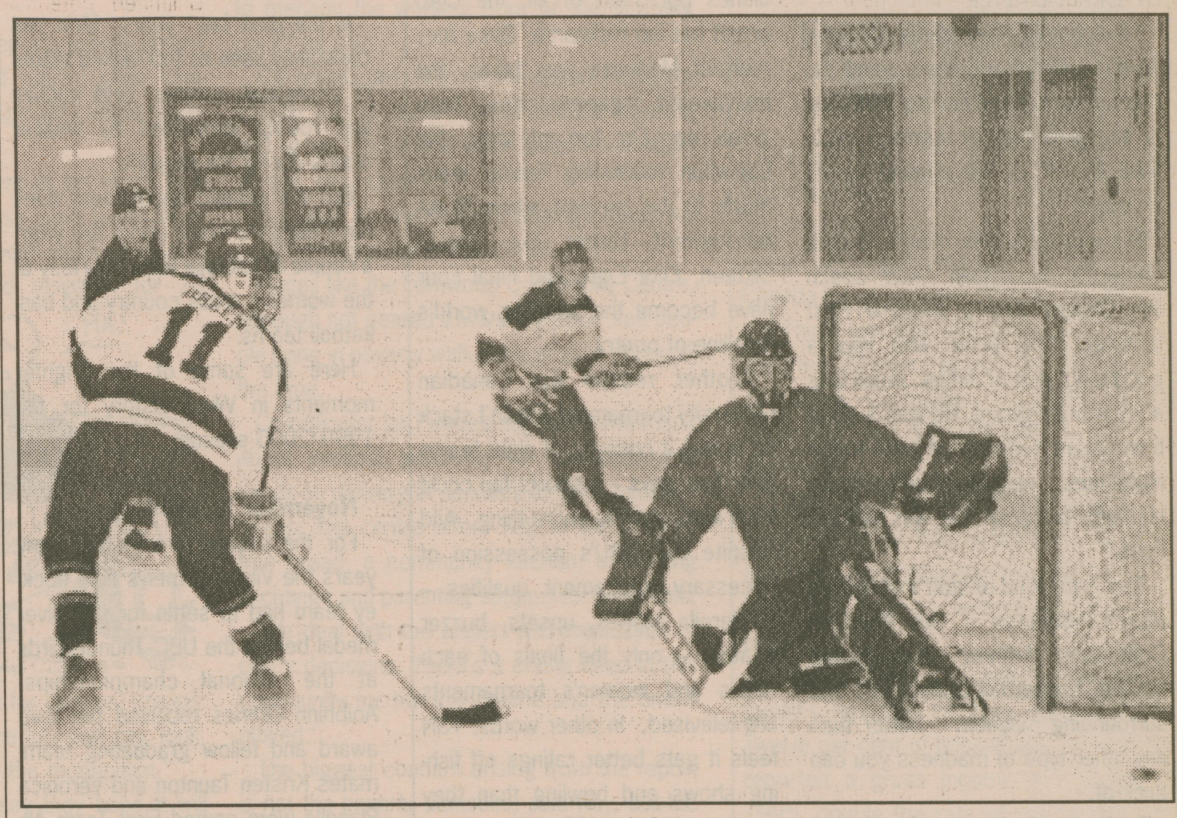
Wed.

	GP	W	L	T	P
The Dudes	6	6	0	0	18
Red Raiders	5	4	1	0	13
Smooth Prunes	6	3	3	0	12
Black Mamas...	6	2	3	1	11
The Finnish	4	3	1	0	10
Scarilicions	5	2	2	1	10
Beckenbauer...	5	1	3	1	8
TBA	5	1	4	0	7
Piss n' Broke	2	0	2	0	2

Outdoor Soccer

Sun.

	GP	W	L	T	P
Royal Blues	6	5	0	1	17
MN Strikers	6	5	1	0	16
Maxim	6	5	1	0	16
Steamers	6	4	1	1	15
Alcophiles Unt'd	6	4	1	1	15
Black Mamas...	6	4	1	1	15
Singles II	6	4	2	0	14
Team Davies	6	4	2	0	14
Alberta Beef	6	3	3	0	12
EC United	6	2	3	1	11
Singles I	6	2	4	0	10
Fabulous Terror	5	1	1	3	10
WL United	4	3	1	0	10
Deceptions	5	2	3	0	9
Singles IV	5	1	3	1	8
Commerce	5	1	4	0	7
TBA	5	0	4	1	6
GOLFC	4	1	3	0	6
Singles III	5	0	2	0	2



Intramural ice hockey action at Gordon Head Arena.

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Sat.

	GP	W	L	T	P
Emily Carr	5	3	1	1	12
Capt. Lockouts	4	4	0	0	12
Dogg Pound	5	2	2	1	10
Cluster Kang...	3	3	0	0	9
SAC	4	2	2	0	8
David Thompson	2	2	0	0	6
MN United	3	2	0	0	6
Wallace Wolves	3	2	0	0	6
JC	5	0	5	0	5
Butter Cups	3	1	2	0	5
Carroll	3	1	2	0	5
Haig-Brown	3	1	2	0	5
Wilson Warriors	3	0	3	0	3
Sanderson	3	0	3	0	3

Tues. Recreation

	GP	W	L	T	P
Alcophiles	5	4	1	0	13
White Wizards	5	4	1	0	13
Green Grizzlies	5	3	2	0	11
Cleat Ones	5	2	3	0	9
Begbie	2	1	1	0	4
Musical Feet	3	0	3	0	3

Softball

	GP	W	L	T	P
Two Scoops of...	7	6	1	0	19
The Brew Jays	7	6	1	0	19
Got Any Brio	7	5	1	1	18
Wallace	7	4	3	0	15
Singles I	6	2	4	0	10
Nuclear Waste	7	3	1	0	10
Singles II	4	0	3	1	5
Hardcore Hodges	3	0	3	0	3

Flag Football

	GP	W	L	T	P
Flutie Flakes	7	6	0	1	20
Dog Pound	7	4	2	1	16
Charlie's Angels	7	4	3	0	15
Les Castors	7	2	4	1	12
Jump My Pole	6	2	4	0	10
Swingin' Singles	7	1	5	1	10

Volleyball

Mon. Recreation

	GP	W	L	T	P
Yellow Beetle...	10	9	1	0	28
Sure Losers...	10	7	1	2	26
Scottish Balls...	9	4	2	3	20
Dragons	8	2	5	1	13
Singles I	6	3	3	0	12
Singles II	7	1	4	2	11

Wed. Recreation

	GP	W	L	T	P
Pairs and Squa...	14	10	1	3	37
Ball Crushers	14	8	0	6	36
Euro Crash	12	6	0	6	30
Singles I	14	6	6	2	28
Cookie Monster	12	5	2	5	27
Screamin' Band..	14	4	8	2	24
Singles II	9	4	3	2	19
Peer Helping	6	2	4	0	10

Mon. Intermediate

	GP	W	L	T	P
Team One	10	8	1	1	27
Underwater...	10	7	2	1	25
Six Pack	10	4	4	2	20
Awesom Poss...	10	4	4	2	20
Begbie Brats	10	4	4	2	20
Total Chaos	10	3	2	3	19
Zero Gravity	8	4	2	2	18
Like Butta	10	4	6	0	18
Zatch Central	6	2	0	4	14
Singles I	8	2	6	0	12

Wed. Intermediate

	GP	W	L	T	P
CD	14	12	2	0	38
Shagwell	14	10	4	0	34
Commerce	12	11	1	0	34
Dead Frogs	11	11	0	0	33
Fists of Fury	11	7	2	2	27
Bloodhound...	12	7	5	0	26
TBA	12	6	8	0	24
Catalysts	14	3	9	2	22
Singles II	14	3	11	0	20
Blocking Power	12	4	8	0	20
Six Pack Att...	8	4	4	0	16
Darwin's Miss...	9	1	7	1	12
Singles I	4	1	2	1	7

Thurs. Competitive

	GP	W	L	T	P
Soft Touch	16	15	0	1	47
Untouchables	16	8	2	6	38
Hog	14	9	1	4	36
Grave Diggers	15	7	3	5	34
Singles I	13	9	2	2	33
Spank a Lot	15	6	5	4	31
Blocking Power..	15	5	5	5	30
Team Kick Ass	13	6	4	3	28
Bangers and...	13	4	5	4	25
Green	12	5	4	3	25
Who Spiked the..	12	5	4	2	23
Wallace	12	4	5	3	23
Use It or Lose It	13	3	6	4	23
Spiked Punch	10	5	4	1	21
Penal Serve...	11	2	4	5	20
Wild Donkeys	13	3	9	1	20
Bus Drivers	8	2	1	5	17

Ultimate

Tues. Recreation

	GP	W	L	T	P
Wow	4	3	1	0	10
Joint Effort	4	4	0	0	12
Blood Bath	4	3	1	0	10
Sacrifice	4	3	1	0	10
Disc.com	4	2	2	0	8
Singles	4	2	2	0	8
Polly's Team	4	1	3	0	6
Skank	4	1	3	0	6
Ladies of Law	4	1	3	0	6
Carroll	3	0	3	0	3

Tues. Intermediate

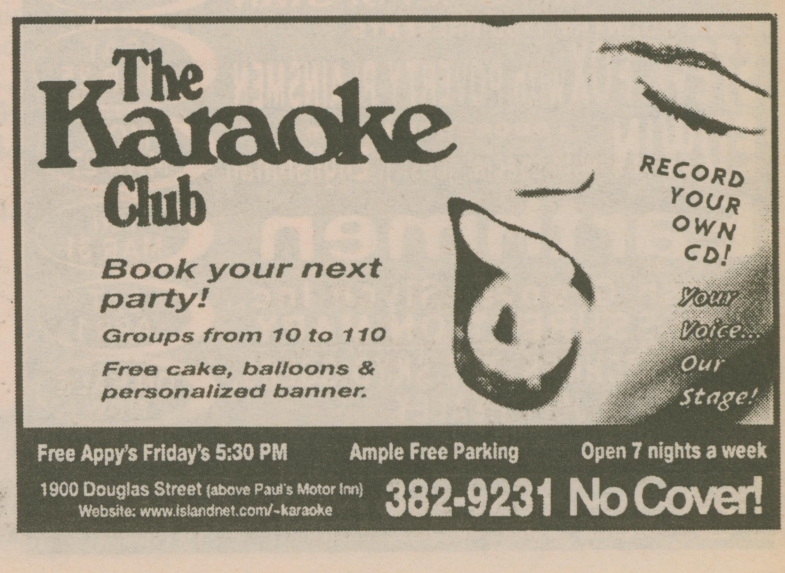
	GP	W	L	T	P
S.P.A.S.	4	4	0	0	12
Malafrontes	4	3	1	0	10
Huck'n Slack...	4	3	1	0	10
Bottom Feed...	3	3	0	0	9
Gertrud's Sw...	4	2	2	0	8
Apocaflix	2	2	2	0	8
Damone is...	4	2	2	0	8
On The Johns	3	1	2	0	5
Graffers	4	0	4	0	4
Nuclear Waste	3	0	3	0	3
Singles	2	0	2	0	2

Thurs. Recreation

	GP	W	L	T	P
Jonny Helface	5	4	1	0	13
Sacrifice...	5	3	2	0	11
The Team Form..	4	3	1	0	10
Superstealth	4	3	1	0	9
Compact Discs	3	2	1	0	7
Killer Marmots	4	1	3	0	6
Lil's Filth	4	0	4	0	4

Thurs. Competitive

	GP	W	L	T	P
The Price is...	5	4	1	0	13
The Game	5	4	1	0	13
Giddy-Up	4	4	0	0	12
The Nash Equil...	3	3	0	0	9
Blue Legumes	4	1	3	0	6
One Time at...	4	0	4	0	4
You Are Here	5	0	5	0	5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Exams are coming! Are you prepared? Check out the workshops on **March 28**, 11:30-12:20 p.m., and **March 31**, 9:30-10:20 a.m. Learn what to study and how. Prepare for difficult, long exams. Avoid "going blank." Learn about multiple-choice, short answer and essay questions as well as problem-solving exams. For more information contact UVic Counselling Services at 721-8341.

The Society for Conservation Biology's March events include a talk by Dr. Tom Reimchen from the UVic Biology Department about "Bears, Salmon, and Nutrient cycling in coastal forests." Come to Cunningham, room 146 on **March 28** at 6:00 p.m. Also, on **March 31** at 5:00 p.m., the artist Robert Bateman will be talking about "Links between art and conservation" in HSD, room A240.

UVic Pride Annual General Meeting, Wednesday, March 29 at 3:30 p.m., SUB B110a. Agenda: Introductions, report from the collective, reports from the coordinators, policy changes, bylaw changes, elections. Nomination forms available at the Pride Office, SUB B118.

The Circle K Club meets **every Wednesday, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.** in CLE C112. Come out and join us. Low commitment & volunteer projects. For more information contact rvcolson@uvic.ca

volunteers

True community is built from the inside out. "Community Connections" reaches out to persons who have a developmental disability, fostering friendship, community inclusion and shared fun! Consider spending a few hours each week as a mentor and friend – and find out how you can make a difference. For info call Citizen Advocacy at 598-6786.

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announcements

Free Russian Concert: Wednesday March 29 at the Clearihue Building, room A311 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. Presented by the Victoria Balalaika Orchestra in association with UVic Slavonic Studies Department. Conductor Tony Booker will lead the orchestra in Russian favourites such as: Kalinka, Rasputin, Lara's Theme, Moscow Nights, the Volga Boatmen.

Recovering from a breakup? You might be interested in participating in a research study that I am conducting to determine the effectiveness of a short-term journal writing program for individuals who are recovering from romantic relationship loss. For more information, please contact Jessica Altrows at 370-0345 or e-mail me with your name and telephone number at jaltrows@uvic.ca

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$40.00/hour Female figure model needed – Tall and slim preferred for classic drawing project 920-3904.

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hey you!

To my main man: I'll miss you lots my little orange friend. Love you Kato my boy.

To my partner in crime: Tea yer a great girl, writer, conspirator, spy and friend. Keep it up smart-assy.

Satan: more than anything else in the world? I want my head to turn into a Greedy Bomb so I can kill all evil people.

kenny, you evil, evil thug. Stay away from tennis balls or Corbin will kick your thug ass.

Sue Birnie, my name is Craig and my grandfather (Lester Battle) was in the airforce with your grandfather. My grandfather wants me to get in touch with you. Please e-mail me at cbattle@uvic.ca

To the nice person who paid the bus fare for the pass-less person, thank you. People should take lessons from you.

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PSYCHOS WHO'VE THREATENED ME STORY#1 PART III (AND THE LAST!)

ADRENALIN KICKED IN AT THAT POINT. I RAN FOR SIX BLOCKS, UNTIL I REACHED A MAIN ROAD.
Kurt's
I WISH THAT GUY WOULD FUCK OFF...
kurt's
PLEASE! PLEASE LET ME IN! I'M BEING STALKED...
SORRY. WE CLOSED AT MIDNIGHT.
HEY, BEAT IT!
THERE'S THE MOUSE... COME TO THE CAT!
BACKTRACK AND HIDE IN THOSE BUSHES... GO!
THAT'S DRIVE-BY #3... ONE BLOCK FROM HOME... GET READY...
MOUSIE, HERE MOUSIE
NEPTUNE... IS EVERYTHING ALL RIGHT?
NO... MY CAR DIED AND THE PHONE DIDN'T WORK AND THIS GUY WANTED ME TO GET INTO HIS CAR AND HE SAID HE'D KILL ME AND I RAN AND HE CHASED ME AND NO ONE WOULD HELP AND I WAS SCARED!
I STILL MEET THAT GUY SOMETIMES, IN DIFFERENT PEOPLE WHO'VE THREATENED OR STALKED OR RUN AT ME. BUT I'M NOT A VICTIM. I REFUSE TO BE A PRISONER IN MY HOUSE; OR WALKING SOMEWHERE AT NIGHT. WHEN I'M RICH I'LL HIRE A CHAUFFEUR. FOR NOW, I'LL WALK.
THE END!

COMICS FOR YOUR CHURCH

BRIAN FUKUSHIMA

Okay let's talk about the future. Evidently my Art History degree won't get me anywhere but in some swanky gallery hob-nobbing with a bunch of elitist art snobs
I like it. Barnett Newman meets Marcel Duchamp
Ugh. Post Modernism is so passé
This Space Intentionally Left Blank...
Maybe school isn't the path to fortune that it's made out to be. I guess there are only 2 surefire ways to get there. #1: Know somebody in high places, after all, it's not what you know, it's who you know. And it pays to keep in touch with people from high school, even if you hate them
The 2nd Solution is to BE that person! Take some Brilliant idea, get there first patent it, then milk that baby for all its worth! True, this route does require a lot more effort, so it's not for everybody
So you're feeling adventurous and want to carve out an empire... but what direction to take... well, the world really needs SMELL technology for TVs and Computers.
Sniff Sniff... mmm. ER is on!
Think about it! The advertising opportunities! Also, this is the next step toward the dream we're chasing called Virtual Reality
Unfortunately this gift will be abused by those pop-up porn sites on the web
But that's okay! New technology breeds more new technology and with it: opportunity
So what will it be, 7 careers and endless student loan debts, or a multi-million dollar empire? the answer lies between your ears.
GOOD LORD!
PSSST
Honey I'm home!
Crap. Well, Good thing there's this Odor neutralizer application...

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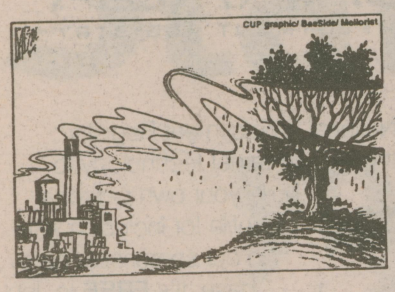

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